

# Mastertaste

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Dear Mr. Neal and National Organic Standards Board:

This letter is in reference to the National Organic Program, Sunset Review, Docket number TM-04-07. As a producer of organic fruit and vegetable powders, flavors and essential oils we have found that the below ingredients are necessary for continued production of organic products. The sunset of these materials would seriously effect our production of organic ingredients, thereby impacting the certification of many products now available with organic labeling. Mastertaste Inc. supports the continued allowance of the following substance(s):

Name of Substance	Location on National List (ie. 205.605(a))	Reason for continued allowance.	Supporting Documents (example: research data or other international organic programs)
Silicon Dioxide	205.605(b)	Used as a flow agent in processed foods. Organic alternatives are not suitable for all product applications.	NOSB assessment still relevant. Extensive research was done by our R&D using other anti-caking agents in fruit and vegetable powders. None performed adequately for shelf life and stability of powders.
Calcium Phosphate	205.605(b)	Used in a wide array of products, not available organic	NOSB assessment still relevant
Carbon Dioxide	205.605(b)	Used in a wide array of products, not available organic	NOSB assessment still relevant

Sodium Bicarbonate	205.605(a)	Used in a wide array of products, not available organic	NOSB assessment still relevant
Flavors non-synthetic	205.605(a)	Used in ingredients for processed foods, not available organic	NOSB assessment still relevant
Diatomaceous Earth	205.605(a)	Food Filtering Aid	NOSB assessment still relevant
Perlite	205.605(a)	Food Filtering Aid	NOSB assessment still relevant
Nitrogen	205.605(a)	Food Processing Aid	NOSB assessment still relevant
Oxygen	205.605(a)	Food Processing Aid	NOSB assessment still relevant
Chlorine Materials	205.605(b)	Disinfectants and Sanitizers	NOSB assessment still relevant
Entire 205.605	205.605(a)(b)	Used in a wide array of products	NOSB assessment still relevant
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Sincerely,



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